

Growers Urged To Plant Fewer 'Spuds'

A reduction of 11 per cent in total acreage of summer and fall potatoes in 1959 was recommended today in acre-

age-marketing guides issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The guides recommend a 10 percent reduction in early summer acreages and a six per cent reduction in late summer acreage in 1959. Fall crop growers are urged to cut acreage 12 per cent below the 1958 plantings.

The recommended summer and fall acreages, with recent average yields, would result in a summer and fall production totaling 196 million hundredweight as contrasted with the 227 million hundred-

weight produced in 1958. The U. S. acreage guides for all seasons in 1959 total 1,823,000 acres as compared with 1,498,100 acres in 1958. On the basis of yields in recent years, this 1959 acreage would produce about 230 million hundredweight of potatoes. The 1958 crop was almost 264 million hundredweight.

The production target by seasons for 1959 is (million cwt.): Winter 5.6; early spring 3.7; late spring 25.0; early summer 9.5; late summer 32.0; and fall 154.2.

12—Lancaster Farming, Saturday, February 14, 1959

In announcing the 1959 area will be conditioned on strict compliance with acreage guides" USDA spokesmen said "We anticipate no diversion operations for the 1959 potato crop. Any Departmental assistance to potato producers in any State or reages is voluntary.

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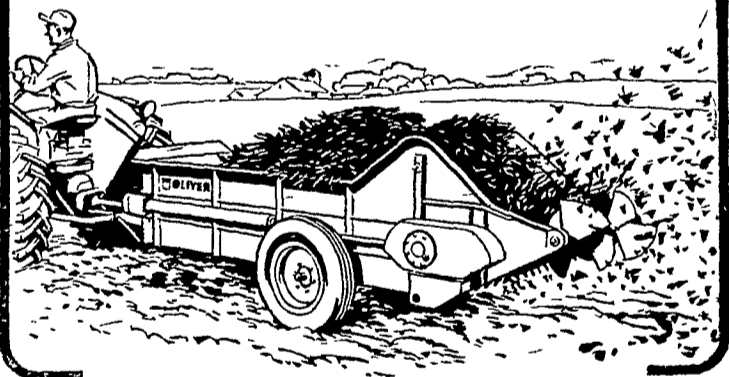
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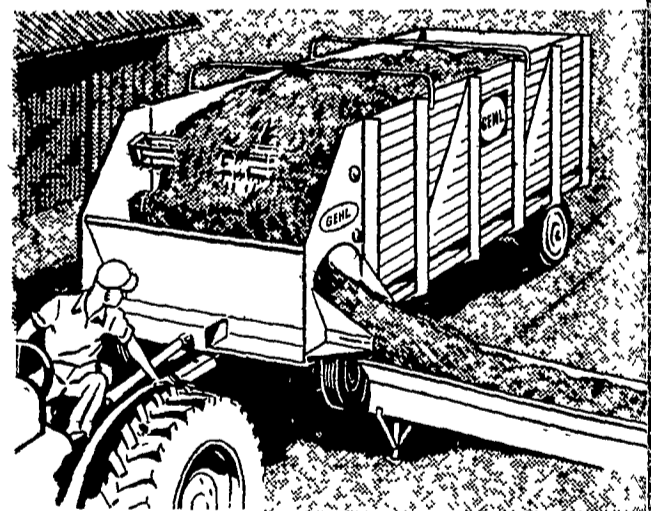
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